

CT Trails Day Walks in Mansfield on June 6

May 26, 2009 – Three walks in Mansfield will take place on Saturday, June 6 as part of CT Trails Day. All three walks are accessible for families and free. Come visit the Town of Mansfield and explore its extensive local and state trails.

The three walks are as follows:

Family Hike at Mansfield Hollow State Park from 10 am to 1 pm. The Friends of Mansfield Hollow are sponsoring a moderate hike on the Red Trail down to the Mansfield Hollow Dam. Bring lunch and a beverage as there will be lunch on the lawn below the Dam. The trail passes through wooded areas to the Mansfield Hollow Lake edge; walkers will climb to the top of the dam to view the old dam downstream. Meet at the Mansfield Hollow State Park picnic area on Bassett Bridge Road, off Route 195 in Mansfield Center. Leader is Betty Robinson, pbrobinson@snet.net, 860.429.3206.

Smart Growth Walk at 10 am. Walk of future Storrs Center downtown site and Whetten Woods. The Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., and Storrs Center master developer LeylandAlliance, with Joshua's Trust, will lead an approximately one mile walk of the future Storrs Center downtown and the Whetten Woods trail located on open space adjacent to the Storrs Center site. Easy pace over fairly flat terrain, woods and parking lot. Meet behind Starbucks on 1244 Storrs Road/Route 195. Rain cancels the walk. For more information, contact Cynthia van Zelm at vanzelmc@mansfieldct.org or 860.429.2740.

Schoolhouse Brook Park from 1 pm to 2 pm. Join Sue Harrington, local naturalist, and view the late spring wildflowers and wildlife in Barrows Pond area of Schoolhouse Brook Park. Learn about the history of Mansfield's largest Town-owned park. Meet at Schoolhouse Brook Park in the Clovermill Road parking area. For more information contact Jennifer Kaufman, Mansfield Parks Coordinator at kaufmanjs@mansfieldct.org, or 860.429.3015, ext. 204.

Connecticut Trails Day has been coordinated by the Connecticut Forest Park Association since 1993. For more information about the Association or CT Trails Day, see the Association's website at www.ctwoodlands.org.